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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-LOS ALAMOS'S INITIATIVE FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN NEW MEXICO AND TO  
APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, northern New Mexico faces many challenges  
concerning contamination and degradation of its environment  
from many sources; and

WHEREAS, the residents of northern New Mexico have  
increasingly become aware of the need to learn and understand  
more about their environment, how it becomes degraded and how  
such degradation can be minimized or reversed; and

WHEREAS, understanding the science behind the environment  
is crucial to making wise decisions regarding environmental  
issues; and

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1           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-Los Alamos, the  
2 department of environment, the federal department of energy and  
3 others hold that environmental science education in northern  
4 New Mexico needs strengthening to include a strong focus on  
5 rigorous foundational science; and

6           WHEREAS, the department of energy has supported curriculum  
7 development and environmental education in the state of New  
8 Mexico for many years, including the development of WERC: a  
9 consortium for environmental education and technology  
10 development; and

11           WHEREAS, New Mexico state university, as the  
12 administrative center of WERC, has created a strong program for  
13 environmental science education in the southern part of New  
14 Mexico and graduated many professionals through this program;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-Los Alamos has  
17 offered an environmental science associate's degree for years  
18 and in the past collaborated with Los Alamos national  
19 laboratory; and

20           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-extended university  
21 offers a bachelor's degree in environmental science at the Los  
22 Alamos campus; and

23           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-Los Alamos is  
24 redesigning its associate's degree to build on rigorous,  
25 inter-disciplinary foundational science to include a community

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1 education and citizen engagement component; and

2 WHEREAS, the redesign will provide a stronger pipeline  
3 into the university's environmental science degree available in  
4 Los Alamos;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional  
7 delegation be urged to support the university of New Mexico-Los  
8 Alamos's initiative for environmental science education for  
9 northern New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional  
11 delegation and the federal department of energy be urged to  
12 support appropriations for said initiative; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to United States Senator Jeff Bingaman, United  
15 States Senator Tom Udall, United States Representative Ben R.  
16 Lujan, United States Representative Martin T. Heinrich, United  
17 States Representative Harry Teague, Department of Energy  
18 Secretary Stephen Chu and the department of environment.

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